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**BRIEFING FOR CIA SUBCOMMITTEE OF  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**CASTRO'S PLANS FOR SUBVERSION  
IN LATIN AMERICA**

I. Growing evidence has recently led us to conclude that Fidel Castro has decided he must instigate revolutionary action in other Latin American countries in the near future.

A. He seems to feel with increasing urgency the need for some dramatic new development to maintain the momentum of his own revolution in Cuba.

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to a new aggressive policy.

C. Cuban leaders apparently have decided that in their own interest, the "anti-imperialist struggle" in other Latin American countries must be launched now, whatever the cost to their assets. They believe that while many revolutionaries may be lost in the initial struggle, it is necessary to make a start, in order to create the conditions for ultimate success.

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Latin America must take advantage of conditions favoring revolution and "open the breach."

D. A September magazine article by Che Guevara argued at length that guerrilla warfare is the basic instrument for a Communist take-over in Latin America.

1. Guevara said the revolution must be continent wide. He said much blood will be spilled over a long time.
2. He repeated Castro's old line that the Andes would be the "Sierra Maestra of America."

II. Castro's assets vary greatly from country to country.

A. Venezuela remains his principal target.

1. It seems to be the only country where he now can call on significant elements in an active revolutionary movement to step up terrorism when it suits his purposes.

2.  the Cubans may be planning to smuggle arms to the Venezuelans, or even fly them to remote jungle air strips.

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Until now Cuban guerrilla doctrine had been that this sort of help would be forthcoming only when guerrillas are ready to confront the security units and regular armed forces in open battle.

Castro may be ready to relax this caution.

B. In most other countries, Castro has little control over the militant revolutionary groups and parties. Nevertheless, there are a growing number of alumni of Cuban guerrilla training who can probably be considered under Cuban control.

III. The immediate Cuban goal appears to be to organize and commit to action such cadres as will follow Castro's call to action. The aim will be, using these and any other appropriate Cuban assets, to mobilize all available opposition in order to cause the disruption and disorganization of public order, economy, and other established institutions wherever possible.

IV. Castro's best chances appear to lie in Panama, Brazil, Bolivia, and Peru.

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